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Preventing Money or Effects, in the Hands of His Majesty's Subjects, belonging to or disposeable by Persons resident in *France*, being applied to the Use of the Persons exercising the Powers of Government in *France*; and for preserving the Property thereof for the Benefit of the Individual Owners thereof.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

***** **H**EREBY the Persons exercising the Powers of Government in *France* have issued an Order, compelling
 * **W** * all Merchants, Bankers, and other Persons, who are
 * * * * * possessed of any Money, funded Property, or Effects, in the different Parts of *Europe*, to declare all such Money, funded Property, and Effects, in order that the same, by Violence, may be taken, and applied for the Purpose of maintaining and carrying on the unjust War in which the Persons so exercising the Powers of Government in *France* are engaged against the greater Part of *Europe* :

And whereas the direct and violent Seizure, under the said Order, of the Property of Persons, secured to them by the Laws of
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2 the Country in which it is placed, is in itself destructive of all Commercial Credit, and is accompanied by a Declaration, that no Debts due to the Subjects of any of the Belligerent Powers shall be paid :

In Order therefore to prevent the Effect intended to be produced by these unjust and violent Measures, and to protect the Property of Individuals, as far as Circumstances will admit,

May it please Your M A J E S T Y,

3 That it may be Enacted and Declared; And be it Enacted and Declared by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That if any Person residing or being in *Great Britain* shall, after the Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, and during the said War, knowingly and wilfully pay, send, supply, or deliver, or cause to be paid, sent, supplied, or delivered, either in *Great Britain* or *France*, or in any other Country, any Money to or for the Use of the Persons exercising or who shall exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, or to or for the Use of any Persons or Person who, on the First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, were or was, or at any Time since have or has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, residing or being within any of the Dominions of *France*, or any Country, Territory, or Place which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or during the said War shall be, under the Government of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, either by Payment or
4 Remittance of any Bill of Exchange, Note, Draught or Order for Money, or in any other Manner whatsoever, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, shall be deemed, declared, and adjudged to be a Traitor, and shall suffer Pains of Death, and also lose and forfeit as in Cases of High Treason.

And be it further Declared and Enacted, That if any Person residing or being in *Great Britain* shall, after the said Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, and during the said War, knowingly and wilfully send, supply,

supply, or deliver, or cause or procure to be sent, supplied, or delivered, either in *Great Britain* or any other Country or Place whatsoever, any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Effects whatsoever, to or for the Use of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, or to or for the Use of any Persons or Person who, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, were or was, or at any Time since have or has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, residing or being within any of the Dominions of *France*, or in any other Country, Territory, or Place, which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, under the Government of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall incur and suffer the Pains and Penalties ordained and provided by the Statute of Provision and Præmunire made in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *Richard* the Second.

And whereas, notwithstanding the Prohibition herein contained, a false Credit may be given to Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Draughts or Orders for Money, by accepting or indorsing the same, or undertaking to become answerable for the Payment thereof: **Be it further Enacted**, That if any Person residing or being in *Great Britain* shall, after the said Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, and during the said War, knowingly and wilfully in any Manner accept or indorse, or undertake to be answerable for the Payment, in the Whole or in Part, of any Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, or Draught or Order for Payment of Money, drawn, indorsed, or negotiated by or on Account, or for the Use of, or on the Credit of, or on the Credit of the Effects of, the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, or any Persons or Person who, on the First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, were or was, or at any Time since have or has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, residing or being in any of the Dominions of *France*, or in any Country, Territory, or Place, which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or during the said War shall be, under the Government of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, every Person so offending shall forfeit and lose double the Value of such Bill of Exchange, Promissory

missory Note, Draught, or Order, to be recovered and applied as hereinafter directed.

- 8 And be it further Enacted, That if any Person residing or being in *Great Britain* shall, after the said Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, knowingly and wilfully, in any Manner, pay or satisfy any Bill of Exchange, Note, Draught or Order for Money, in Part or in the Whole, which, since the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, drawn, or accepted, or indorsed, or in any Manner negotiated in any Part of the Dominions of *France*, or in any Country, Territory, or Place, which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or at any Time during the said War shall be, under the Government of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, or drawn, accepted, or indorsed, or in any Manner negotiated by or for the Use of, or upon the Credit of, or upon the Credit of the Effects of, the Persons exercising the Powers of Government in *France*, or of any Person or Persons who, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, were or was, or at any Time since have or has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, residing or being in any of the Dominions of *France*, or in any such Country, Territory, or Place as aforesaid, every Person so offending shall forfeit and lose double the Value of such Bill of Exchange, Note, Draught, or Order respectively, and the Payment of
- 9 such Bill of Exchange, Note, Daught, or Order respectively shall not be effectual against any Persons or Person whatsoever who might otherwise have demanded the same, or the Money thereby made payable; but the Demands of all Persons whatsoever in respect of the Money expressed therein, and every Part thereof, shall remain and be in full Force, notwithstanding such Payment, and notwithstanding such Bill, Note, Draught, or Order shall have been paid, delivered up, or cancelled, or any Discharge shall be given thereon.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person residing or being in *Great Britain*, who had, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or had or shall have at any Time after the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, and during the said War, any Money, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Draughts or Orders

Orders for Money; Securities for Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, or Effects whatsoever, of or belonging to the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, or to any Persons or Person who, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, were or was, or at any Time since have or has been, or at any Time during the said War shall be, residing or being in any of the Dominions of *France*, or in any Country, Territory, or Place which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or at any Time during the said War shall be, under the Government of the Persons exercising or who shall hereafter exercise the Powers of Government in *France*, shall, after the said Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, pay or otherwise satisfy any such Money to any other Person, or deliver or otherwise part with such Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Draughts or Orders for Money, or Securities for Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, or Effects, unless such Bills of Exchange, Notes, Draughts or Orders for Money, shall be delivered or parted with for the Purpose only of receiving and retaining the Money due thereon respectively, and such Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, and Effects, shall be delivered or parted with for the Purpose only of selling the same, and converting the same into Money, to be received and retained by the Person or Persons so selling the same, every Person so offending shall forfeit and lose double the Value of such Money, Bills of Exchange, Notes, Draughts, Orders, Securities, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, and Effects respectively; and no Payment of any such Money, or Delivery or Disposition of any such Bills of Exchange, Notes, Draughts, Orders, or Securities for Money, nor any Payment or Discharge of any Money for which any such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Effects as aforesaid, shall be so sold as aforesaid, except for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be effectual against any Persons or Person whatsoever who might have demanded the same if such Acts had not been done; but the Demands of all Persons whatsoever in respect of such Property shall remain and be in full Force, notwithstanding any Discharge of any Nature whatsoever which may be given for the same; save only and except that no such Demand shall prejudice or affect any Person who shall have received or purchased such Money, Bills, Notes, Draughts, Orders, Securities, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Effects respectively *bona fide*, for full Consideration, and without Notice that the same was or were paid, sold, delivered,

or disposed of respectively contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any Act which shall be done by any Person, or in any Place, by virtue of or in Obedience to a Licence and Authority from His Majesty, either under His Sign Manual, or by Order in Council, or Proclamation, or from any Persons or Person to be authorized by His Majesty, under His Sign Manual, or otherwise as His Majesty shall think fit, to give such Licence and Authority, or to any Act which shall be done in His Majesty's Service, by any Person or Persons who shall be employed therein, or to any Act which shall be done in aiding or assisting such Persons whilst so employed, or to any Person employed or to be employed in His Majesty's Service, who has been or shall be, during and for the Purpose of such Employment, in any of the Dominions of *France*, or in any Country, Territory, or Place which was, on the said First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, or shall be at any Time during the said War, under the Government of the Persons exercising the Powers of Government in *France*.

- 13 And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit, either in Law or Equity, shall be commenced or prosecuted for the Recovery of any Debt or Demand, contrary to the Provisions of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Court in which such Action or Suit shall be commenced, in Term Time, or any One or more of the Judges of such Court, out of Term, in a summary Way, to discharge the Defendant or Defendants arrested on *Mefne* Process, upon filing Common Bail, and to stay all further Proceedings in such Action or Suit, upon such Terms as to such Court or Judge respectively shall appear necessary to enforce the Provisions of this Act.

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Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That no Person shall be subject to any Penalty or Forfeiture, or to answer for any Damage for not paying or not delivering any Money, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Securities for Money, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or Effects, at any Time after the First Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, the Payment or Delivery whereof, after the Twentieth Day of *February* One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-four, is prohibited by this Act.

Provided

Provided also, and be it further Enacted, That nothing done in-Obedience to this Act shall alter or affect the Right, Title, or Interest of any Person whomsoever to or in any Property whatsoever, Real or Personal, or any Contract or Agreement whatsoever, further or otherwise than as in this Act is expressed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, shall be to the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and shall be sued for and recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* respectively, wherein no Essoign, Wager of Law, Stay of Proceedings (except by such Rule or Rules of the Court wherein the Action or other Proceedings shall depend as shall be thought in Justice necessary, for special Cause to be expressed in every such Rule) or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in 14
case any Person shall be committed, for any Offence against this Act, to any Common Gaol or other Place, there to remain until delivered by due Course of Law, it shall and may be lawful for any of the Justices of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or for any of the Barons of the Exchequer, being of the Degree of the Coif, or for the Lord Justice Clerk or any of the Commissioners of Justiciary in *Scotland*, if upon Application made he shall think it reasonable, to admit such Person to Bail, he or she giving sufficient Security for his or her Appearance to answer the Matters wherewith he or she shall be charged.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That
any Offence against this Act, committed out of this Realm, may
be alledged, and be laid, enquired of, and tried in any County,
Shire, or Stewartry of this Realm; and that any Offence against
this Act, committed within that Part of *Great Britain* called 15
England, may be alledged, and be laid, enquired of, and tried in
the County where such Offence shall have been committed, or in
the County of *Middlesex*; and that any Offence against this Act,
committed within that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*, may
be alledged, and be laid, enquired of, and tried either before the
Court of Justiciary at *Edinburgh*, or in any of the Circuit Courts
in that Part of the United Kingdom; and that all and every Per-
son or Persons that shall at any Time be accused, or indicted, or
prosecuted for any Offence made or declared to be Treason by
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this Act, shall be entitled to the Benefit of the Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of *William* the Third, intituled, " An Act " for regulating of Trials in Cases of Treason and Misprision of " Treason ;" and also of the Provisions made by another Act of Parliament, passed in the Seventh Year of Queen *Anne*, intituled, " An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms."

Provided also, and be it Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to repeal, vary, or alter this Act, or any Clause, Matter, or Thing therein contained, during this present Session of Parliament.

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